

DECLARATION NO. 2020-02

DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF FITZGERALD, GEORGIA AND BEN HILL COUNTY,
GEORGIA CLARIFYING THE PREVIOUS DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH STATE
OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia and Ben Hill County, Georgia declared a Public Health State of Emergency related to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the aforementioned Public Health State of Emergency, the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia and Ben Hill County, Georgia recommended all non-essential businesses to cease activities at facilities located within Ben Hill County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Ben Hill County staff has received numerous questions regarding what qualifies as non-essential businesses; and,

WHEREAS the March 23, 2020 Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency authorized the Mayor of the City of Fitzgerald and the Chairman for Ben Hill County to take any necessary further action to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that all local businesses, restaurants, and bars recognize that failing to follow the CDC's, Georgia Department of Public Health's, City of Fitzgerald's, and Ben Hill County's guidelines jeopardize the safety of those who gather on their premises.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:


Section 1: The City of Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County highly recommend that all businesses with a facility in Ben Hill County, Georgia except businesses otherwise provided for or defined as "Essential Businesses" in the March 23, 2020 Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency, cease all activities at facilities located within Ben Hill County, Georgia, except "Minimum Basic Operations," as defined in the March 23, 2020 Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency.

Section 2: Businesses that should abide by the above recommendation include, but are not limited to:

1. Recreational and Entertainment Facilities. Examples of these types of facilities include, but are not limited to, dance studios, gymnastic studios, bowling alleys, pool halls, skating rinks, trampoline parks, playgrounds, and movie theaters.
2. Gyms and Fitness Centers.

3. Body Care Service Facilities. Examples of these types of facilities include, but are not limited to, establishments providing barbering, hair design, cosmetology, esthetics, massage therapy, tattooing, body waxing, tanning, or nail care.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of March, 2020.



Jim Puckett
Mayor of City of Fitzgerald, Georgia



Steve Taylor
Chairman of Ben Hill County, Georgia